

Sunila Thomas-George

Bio

Governor Deval Patrick appointed Sunila Thomas-George as a Commissioner for the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) in November, 2007. Ms. Thomas-George is responsible for the administration, adjudication, and education of civil rights matters for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She serves as the Investigating Commissioner on a majority of cases filed at the Commission. Previously, Ms. Thomas-George served as the Acting Chief of Enforcement where she directly oversaw the entire Enforcement Division of the MCAD, which is made up of over 50 employees including attorneys, investigators, and support staff. She directed the processing and investigation of all cases filed at the Commission.

Before that, she served as the Supervisor of the Enforcement Advisors Unit where she oversaw a staff of attorneys and provided legal counsel to investigators and enforcement supervisors. Ms. George joined the Commission's Springfield office in 1997 where she litigated cases at public hearing and conducted substantive trainings in anti-discrimination laws for the area's businesses and schools. She is certified as a trainer in areas of discrimination and sexual harassment, and also mediates cases for the Commission.

She was formerly co-chair of the Massachusetts Bar Association's Labor and Employment Section's Employees Rights and Responsibilities Practice Group. She also serves as a faculty panelist in many seminars with the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE), the Massachusetts Bar Association, and Boston Bar Association. Ms. George is the recipient of the 2001 *Manuel Carballo Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service* and received the 2004 *Executive Branch Award for Excellence in Government Legal Services*. She is a graduate of Wheaton College (BA) and Western New England College School of Law (JD).